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Dear Mr Dean,

I have been told by John McCaffrey of the tremendous support which has recently been given by the Friends of the Holy Father towards the Pontifical Academy of Sciences and I wish to express my heartfelt thanks and sincere appreciation to you and your fellow trustees for your generosity.

In particular, the decisions by the trustees to help facilitate the donations from Toni and Pauline Mascolo and now the Michael and Dorothy Hintze Family Foundation are much appreciated, in addition to the support which the Friends have given as co-sponsors of the Academy's meetings with the world mayors, which I was particularly glad that you were able to attend in person. This was an important event which has already generated many good ideas and connections.

I particularly want you to know how much the Holy Father appreciates this assistance and support towards his key initiatives. Your collaboration and that of other supporters has allowed the Holy See to make great strides this year towards the goal of the eradication of modern slavery. As a result of our earlier conference in April, we made a recommendation to the United Nations and as a direct result of that action, the UN – for the first time – has included a specific reference to modern slavery in one of the Sustainable Development Goals. The Holy Father sees this as a very important step forward in the fight against human trafficking and modern slavery.

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I know that the Friends of the Holy Father have supported us in the past, and God willing, you will be able to continue your support going forward. As you know, in November we will once again convene a conference for the Youth on the issues which are close to the Pope's heart – modern slavery and climate change. I would welcome the opportunity to once again have the Friends of the Holy Father as a partner in this important endeavour. I will ask John to continue to liaise with you on this and other matters and I look forward to welcoming you to the Vatican again soon.

With a special blessing to you and your fellow trustees and all the members of the Friends of the Holy Father, I am,

Cordially yours in Christ,

+Marcelo Sanchez Sorondo
Chancellor